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TERRORIST ACTIVITIES
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Army has apprised the Government of the rising terrorist activities in some of the States of the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the number of times the plans of the ULFA terrorists have been foiled by the Army during 2005 and 2006 so far;

(d) whether the Union government has provided assistance to the State Governments for security arrangements; and

(e) if so, the reasons thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE)

(a) to (c): The Army authorities regularly apprise the Government about the security situation in the country, especially the areas where Army is deployed for anti militancy operations. In the North Eastern Region, relentless operations are being carried out by the Security Forces against various militant groups including ULFA. As a result of operations by the Security Forces, ULFA strongholds in major parts of Assam have been cleared and their capability to carry out militant operations reduced considerably.

(d) & (e): Apart from providing Army assistance free of charge for anti militancy operations, the Union Government also reimburses some part of Security Related Expenditure under a Scheme implemented by the Ministry of Home Affairs. The objective of providing such assistance is to supplement resource of State Government for maintaining peace, integrity and sovereignty of the country.